

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/074,040	LIN ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Paul Contino	2114	

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2 March 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4,6-12 and 14.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 14 February 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                               |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

1. Claims 1-4, 6-12, and 14 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 1 is allowed because of the inclusion of previously objected to claim 5, which states:

*the synchronizing step comprises:*

*transmitting a data packet having a header and data associated with the configuration information from the first agent module to the second agent module;*

*acknowledging the data transmitting step by returning an answer packet from the second agent module to the first agent module;*

*receiving the answer packet at the first agent module; and*

*repeating the transmitting, the replying and the receiving steps until all of the configuration information is completely transferred;*

*wherein the header in the data packet comprises a field indicative of a packet transmission type;*

*wherein the answer packet is the header having the field indicative of packet acknowledgement type.*

When taken within the scope of the remainder of the limitations of the claim, the novelty of the invention is apparent.

Claims 2-4 and 6-7 are allowed based upon their dependence to claim 1.

Claim 8 is allowed because of the inclusion of previously objected to claim 13, which states:

*the synchronizing step comprises:*

*transmitting a data packet having a header and data associated with the configuration information from the first agent module to the second agent module;*

*acknowledging the data transmitting step by returning an answer packet from the second agent module to the first agent module;*

*receiving the answer packet at the first agent module; and*

*repeating the transmitting, the replying and the receiving steps until all of the configuration information is completely transferred;*

*wherein the header in the data packet comprises a field indicative of a packet transmission type;*

*wherein the answer packet is the header having the field indicative of packet acknowledgement type.*

When taken within the scope of the remainder of the limitations of the claim, the novelty of the invention is apparent.

Claims 9-12 and 14 are allowed based upon their dependence to claim 8.


Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

*Conclusion*

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul Contino whose telephone number is (571) 272-3657. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30 am - 5:00 pm, first Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Beausoliel can be reached on (571) 272-3645. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-3657.

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**SCOTT BADERMAN**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

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